

1-1 By: Turner (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 418  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2005;  
1-3 April 29, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 17, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 17, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to an exception to the 72-hour waiting period for a  
1-9 marriage ceremony for certain individuals.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 2.204(b), Family Code, is amended to  
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 (b) The 72-hour waiting period after issuance of a marriage  
1-14 license does not apply to an applicant who:

1-15 (1) is a member of the armed forces of the United  
1-16 States and on active duty; ~~or~~

1-17 (2) is not a member of the armed forces of the United  
1-18 States but performs work for the United States Department of  
1-19 Defense as a department employee or under a contract with the  
1-20 department; or

1-21 (3) obtains a written waiver under Subsection (c).

1-22 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a  
1-23 marriage license issued on or after the effective date of this Act.  
1-24 A marriage license issued before the effective date of this Act is  
1-25 governed by the law in effect on the date the license was issued,  
1-26 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-28 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-29 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-30 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-31 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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